The next item of business taken up was interpellations.

INTERPELLATIONS.

BY MR. MAHOMED ABBAS KHAN (Bangalore City).

Q.—**1.** Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) The number of vacancies of Prosecuting Inspectors recently advertised to be filled up ?

(2) The number of Prosecuting Inspectors actually appointed and the communities to which they belong ?

(3) The number of applicants, who applied for the vacancies and the number of those who belonged to the backward communities ?

(4) Were not all the applicants of the backward communities Law graduates ?

(5) Is it not a fact that 3 of the applicants were Mahomedan graduates ?

(6) Why were the claims of candidates of the backward communities overlooked, though they were better qualified ?

FIRST MEMBER.—

A.—(1) Two

(2) 3 Brahmins of whom one is a Hale Karnataka.

(3) 23, of whom 5 were Non-Brahmins.

(4) The answer is in the affirmative.

(5) The answer is in the affirmative.

(6) The selection of candidates was made by the Inspector-General of Police after considering not only their academical, qualifications, but also their physique, aptitude for Police service, and ability to read Police records and case diaries in Kanarese. They were also subjected to a *viva voce* examination to test their sharpness in comprehending facts and giving prompt and sensible replies.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.—

With reference to answer to question No. 1 (6), will the Government be pleased to state whether the answer implies that none of the Non-Brahmin applicants for the vacancies was up to the required standard ?

First Member.—

Yes.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

In view of the dissatisfaction caused to the public by all the vacancies having been given to the Brahmin applicants, will the Government look into the matter with a view to ascertain whether the selection was rightly made?

First Member.—

That is not exactly a supplementary question.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

When these vacancies were advertised, was it made clear that only candidates who possessed all these qualifications mentioned in the answer would be selected?

The First Member.—

Certain qualifications had been prescribed and candidates possessing them alone were selected by the Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Has the I. G. of Police any power to select whomsoever he likes in such an independent manner?

First Member.—

The I. G. of Police as head of the Department selected the proper men for the work they were expected to do.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Have the Hale-Karnatakas been included in the backward communities?

First Member.—

I want notice for answering that question.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Is it true that only 2 vacancies were advertised, but 3 men were actually employed?

First Member.—

Yes. At the time of advertisement, there were only two vacancies, but in the meantime, another vacancy occurred, and all the three vacancies were filled up at the time of selection, from the applicants.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Do Government consider that this was a proper procedure?

First Member.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Sanjiviah.—

Did the Government enquire into the case with a view to ascertain whether all the Non-Brahmin applicants were unfit physically and otherwise for the posts?

First Member.—

Government did not see any reason to enquire into the case.

Mr. Sanjiviah.—

In view of the fact that this question was also brought before the Legislative Council at the last Session and that the Inspector-General's statement then made was challenged, did the Government institute any enquiry and have any new facts come to the notice of Government as a result thereof?

First Member.—

In the opinion of the Government there was no necessity to make further enquiries in the matter.

Mr. Sanjiviah.—

Did not the Government consider that grave injustice had been done, by these appointments, to the other larger communities of the State and that a further enquiry was necessary?

First Member.—

Government did not consider that any injustice was done, and if they did, they should have investigated.

Mr. M. S. Narasinga Rao.—

In view of the fact that Non-Brahmins are better fitted for any appointment in the Police Department than others, is not the demand of the Non-Brahmins in this behalf a mere cry in the wilderness when all appointments go to the Brahmins only?

Dewan.—

That is not a supplementary question. Nor is this the occasion to hear the personal views of any member in the matter.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Do not Government consider that the raiyats derive better advantage if Non-Brahmin candidates are preferred for appointments as Police Inspectors even if they are not fully qualified ?

Dewan.—

That is not a supplementary question. It is one of policy. Any facts and figures which the member wants may be asked for.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Have the principles enunciated in regard to these particular appointments been applied by the Inspector-General of Police at any other time in the past ?

First Member.—

I want notice to answer that question. Besides that is not a question which could be answered at the time of interpellations.

Mr. Mallappa.—

At the last session of the Legislative Council, the Inspector-General of Police said that the Non-Brahmin candidates were not physically fit. What enquiries were made by Government to see if the statement was correct ?

First Member.—

Government did obtain the records concerning this matter from the Inspector-General of Police and on a perusal thereof have come to the conclusion that no further action was necessary.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Was this done after the matter was brought to the notice of Government at the last Legislative Council ?

First Member.—

Yes.

Mr. Mallappa.—

In addition to general education, were any other qualifications prescribed in regard to these appointments ?

First Member.—

That question has already been answered in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Boranna.—

Will Government state on what basis the Inspector General of Police fixed the standard of qualification in selecting these men ?

First Member.—

The Inspector-General of Police has said that in addition to general educational qualification, the candidate must be good at reading and writing Kannada and also in regard to physical fitness and other qualifications required for the Police Department.

Mr. Boranna.—

Does it mean that the Non-Brahmin candidates did not possess these qualifications ?

First Member.—

Yes.

Mr. Boranna.—

Were these candidates medically examined ?

First Member.—

Medical examination was not considered necessary.

Mr. Boranna.—

When medical certificate is necessary in regard to all Government appointments, why was it not insisted upon in this case also? Is the head of the Department competent to decide whether an applicant is physically fit or not ? Were the Non-Brahmin candidates declared unfit by any Medical Officer ?

First Member.—

The medical certificate is not all that is required. In addition to health, chest measurement, height and other requirements necessary for the Police Department are also taken into consideration.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

In view of all the discussions both in the Legislative Council and in this House on this question, are Government prepared to re-consider these appointments with a view to cancel them ?

First Member.—

If there are any irregularities or mistakes, the Government may do it.

By Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai (Bangalore City).

Q.—**2.** Will the Government be pleased to give information on the following :—

(*a*) the number of darkhast applications received from Panchama raiyats in each district for the year 1924-25.

(*b*) the number of such applications disposed of during the same period.

(*c*) Has the recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner (C. 1683-23-24, dated 8th January 1924) and the Government Order No. R. 4850-8—L. R. 261-22-41, dated 29th March 1924 thereon been circulated among taluk officers?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that some of the taluk officers are ignorant of the above order and treat such applications with scant courtesy?

Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

	Name of district	No. of applications received till end of April 1925	Number disposed of
(a) & (b)	Bangalore ..	58	16
	Kolar ..	74	74
	Mysore ...	122	97
	Shimoga ..	14	12
	Hassan ..	17	14
	Kadur ..	19	11
	Chitaldrug ...	98	57
	Tumkur ..	297	65

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.
(d) The answer is in the negative.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Murugesam Pillay.—

In view of the fact that only 49 per cent of darkhast applications from Panchamas have been so far disposed of, will the Government make arrangements for a speedy disposal of all the pending applications?

Revenue Secretary. –

Government do not consider it necessary to take any further action in the matter as only recently instructions have been issued to local officers in this behalf.